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SUBJECT: LEFTIST PARTIES MEET

1. THE PARTIDO COMMUNISTA MEXICANO (PCM), THE PARTIDO PUEBLO MEXICANO (PPM) AND THE PARTIDO SOCIALISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (PSR) MET IN CLOSED SESSION AUGUST 12 IN TEPIC, NAYARIT TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A SINGLE PARTY. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETING A SPOKESMAN SAID THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAD BEEN AGREED UPON:

- TO HOLD 15 COUNTRY-WIDE MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY 1979 TO EXPLAIN THE UNITY PLAN;

- TO PREPARE AN ELECTORAL PLATFORM BY FEBRUARY 1979; AND

- TO PRESENT A JOINT SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION OF FEDERAL DEPUTIES IN JULY 1979.

2. IN THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTS OFFICERS OF THE THREE PARTIES ACCUSED THE PRI OF DEMAGOGUERY FOR ADOPTING IN THE PRI PLATFORM THE LEFTIST THEME OF NATIONALIZATION OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIES. THEY SAID THAT ACTUALLY THE PRI AND
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THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWS A POLICY OF REPRESSING LABOR AND CITED RECENT EXAMPLES OF STRIKES THE GOVERNMENT HAS BROKEN (LA CARIDAD, MONTE DE PIEDAD, LORETO Y PENA POBRE, AND HOSPITAL GENERAL). ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT APPROXIMATELY 7,000 PEOPLE GATHERED FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: OF THE THREE PARTIES, THE PCM IS THE

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ONLY ONE THAT HAS OBTAINED CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION AND THUS STANDS TO GAIN THE MOST FROM AN ELECTORAL COALITION OR COMPLETE MERGER OF THE PARTIES. AS A RESULT OF A POLITICAL MERGER, THE LEADERS OF THE PPM AND THE PSR COULD GET THEIR NAMES ON THE ELECTORAL SLATE AND THUS MIGHT OBTAIN SEATS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE IMPOSSIBLE. THE OTHER REGISTERED LEFTIST PARTIS (PPS AND PST) HAVE SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN A FORMAL ELECTORAL ALLIANCE WITH THE PCM TO DATE. WE SEE LITTLE THREAT TO THE PRI'S CONTINUING CONTROL OF CONGRESS, NOTWITHSTANDING NEW OPPOSITION PARTIES ON BOTH ENDS OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. MCANINCH

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